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THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER

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REVALUATION / BI-ANNUAL TAX BILLING PUBLIC HEARING

It is important that residents understand the recertification process, which must take place every five years in accord with NH RSA 75:8-a and by the NH Constitution. Instead of spending the estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000 to hold a special Town Meeting this fall, the Board has decided to continue to present information about the process to voters, and place articles instead, on the March 2010 warrant for voter consideration.

We have the necessary funds already set aside in the Capital Reserve Fund, and need authorization to spend them for the recertification process. Performing the recertification will get all property values closer to 100% of current market conditions, alleviating some of the concern related to balancing market conditions and property values.

Please help the Town do this in the most cost-effective manner. We hope you can participate in the 2010 Public Budget Hearing at 7:30 pm on Tuesday January 12, 2010; and in the Deliberative Session scheduled for 9:00 am on Saturday January 30, 2010 at Ellis School. Ballot voting will then take place on Tuesday March 9, 2010 at the Fremont Safety Complex.

A second Informational Public Hearing will be held on Thursday evening November 19, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, in the main floor meeting room.

The purpose will be to discuss the recertification process as well as bi-annual tax billing. Representatives from NH DRA will be here, as well as the Town's contracted assessing firm, MRI.

Appropriating the money and authorizing its withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund at the March 2010 Town Meeting and getting the process underway next spring will ensure that Fremont has oversight to the project and it can be done at less cost to Fremont taxpayers.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. The Board of Selectmen is looking for your input and to provide voters and residents with information about this process.

Those unable to attend the hearing are encouraged to send written comment to be received by November 18, 2009 to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120; or by email to Selectmen@Fremont.nh.gov.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will be sponsoring our annual Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets to any Fremont resident who is in need of one. If you need to sign yourself and/or your family up to receive a basket, kindly do so no later than Monday November 16th to Kathy at 895 1162.

If you would like to help the Food Pantry by donating items, the following is a list of items needed to fill each basket:

Turkey Rolls and Butter Stuffing Holiday Dessert Turkey Gravy Onions

Fresh Potatoes
Fresh Squash
Fresh Carrots
Canned Corn & Green Beans

Cider or Egg Nog
Cranberry Sauce
Fresh Fruit
Pickles/Olives

Gift Card to Hannaford or Walmart

Disposable Roasting Tin

Food can be dropped off at the Fremont Town Hall during normal business hours. If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact Kathy at 895 1162. All calls to the Fremont Food Pantry are completely confidential.

Fremont Town Offices Thanksgiving Holiday Week Schedule

All Town Offices will be **C L O S E D** Thursday and Friday November 26 and 27, 2009 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Office Hours scheduled for the week include:

Town Clerk: Mon 11/23 and Weds 11/25 8:30 am to 12 noon;

Tues 11/24 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Tax Collector: Tues 11/24 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Selectmen's Office: Mon 11/23 8:30 am to 12 noon; Tues 11/24 & Wed 11/25 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Selectmen meet Tuesday night 11/24 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, Selectmen's Office meeting room (subject to be moved to second floor of Town Hall).

Building Inspector: Mon 11/23, Tues 11/24, and Wed 11/25 8:30 to 10:30 am and 3:30 to 4:30 pm; and by appointment Planning & Zoning

Mon 11/23 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 to 4:30 pm Tues 11/24 and Wed 11/25 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Trash and Recycling pickup will be delayed by one day. Thursday pickup will be on Friday and Friday pickup will be on Saturday.

HONOR OUR VETERANS

All Town Offices will be CLOSED on Wednesday November 11, 2009 in observance of Veteran's Day.

PLEASE JOIN us on Wednesday November 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, for our annual VETERAN'S OPEN HOUSE. Welcome home returning soldiers and offer thanks to the many Men and Woman of our Armed Forces for their service and dedication. All are welcomed to come and share thoughts, rememberances, and respect for our soldiers.

Refreshments will be served.

Contact Jeanne Nygren at 895 2226 x 11 or by email at FremontTownHall@comcast.net for more information or to help with this important tribute.

CEMETERY TREE REMOVAL RFP SAFETY COMPLEX INSULATION RFP

The Town of Fremont has two projects currently out to bid. The first is for an insulation (grant-funded) project at the Fremont Safety Complex. Bids are due no later than November 5, 2009.

The second is for qualified Tree Experts / Contractors interested in submitting a proposal for limbing and possible removal of up to 3 trees in the scenic Village Cemetery on Main Street in Fremont. Bids are due no later than November 12, 2009.

Contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 to request a mailed copy of the full proposal for either project. You can also send an email to Heidi at FremontTA@comcast.net; or download them from the web at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the homepage.

The 2009 Tax Rate has been set by the NH DRA at \$23.12 per thousand. Tax bills will be out shortly, and the press release outlining changes in the rate and other information, will be available on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Board of Selectmen page and the Tax Collector page.